

AAUW Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship

Description

The Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship was developed by the members of the Fort Atkinson Branch of the American Association of University Women, (AAUW) to provide scholarships to local women. The objective of this scholarship is to assist applicants in completing their bachelor's degree. Applicants may receive this scholarship up to five years but must reapply each year to continue receiving this scholarship award.

The concept held a special appeal to Jane Shaw Knox, a charter and life member of the branch. Jane was born in Painesdale, Mich. She attended the Chicago Art Institute and the University of Wisconsin-Madison before entering Michigan State University where she graduated magna cum laude. Before her marriage to William D. Knox, she taught high school mathematics and English. Following marriage, they resided in Fort Atkinson where she was a prominent and active worker in the community.

Following her death in 1987, the Knox family established a memorial fund through the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation for the Knox/Adopt-a-Student Scholarship Fund. In appreciation of her friendship, leadership, and many contributions to AAUW, the scholarship was later renamed the Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship.

Eligibility

Eligible students are women who:

- Are either a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School, have a current Fort Atkinson mailing address, or are currently employed in Fort Atkinson.
- Are planning to be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours for consecutive semesters, in a program at an accredited college in pursuit of a bachelor's degree, and have already earned 45 credits toward that degree.
- Have demonstrated academic competence.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by the AAUW Scholarship Committee, advised by the Community Foundation's Executive Director. Selection is based on financial need, academic performance, the candidate's career path essay, and special family circumstances. Preference is given to women who are returning to higher education after an absence. The Board of Directors of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation must approve the final recommendations for scholarship awards made by AAUW's Scholarship Committee.